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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON REVISING THE E-RATE RULES TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS MORE FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW COMMUNITY USE OF BROADBAND SERVICES

CC Docket No. 02-6

Comment Date: April 5, 2010
Reply Comment Date: April 19, 2010

On February 19, 2010, the Commission released an order and notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that enabled schools that receive funding from the E-rate program (more formally, the schools and libraries universal service support program) to allow members of the general public to use the schools' Internet access during non-operating hours.¹ In the order, the Commission waived, on its own motion, through funding year 2010 (ending June 30, 2011), rules that currently discourage public use of resources funded under the E-rate program.² In the NPRM, the Commission sought comment on revising its rules to make this change permanent.³

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadline for the *E-rate Community Use Order and NPRM* as 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the NPRM in the Federal Register.⁴ On March 5, 2010, a summary of the NPRM appeared in the Federal Register.⁵ Accordingly, comments will be due on **April 5, 2010**, and reply comments will be due on **April 19, 2010**.

For comment and reply comment filing requirements, please consult the *E-rate Community Use Order and NPRM*.⁶ For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Regina Brown, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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¹ *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 10-33 (Feb. 19, 2010) (*E-rate Community Use Order and NPRM*).

² *Id.* at paras. 7-15.

³ *Id.* at paras. 16-19.

⁴ *E-rate Community Use Order and NPRM*.

⁵ 75 Fed Reg. 10199 (Mar. 5, 2010).

⁶ *E-rate Community Use Order and NPRM* at paras. 23-27.